

considered and approved by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board/Government of India. State Government clearances may however, be necessary for various utilities such as land, power, water etc. related to the projects/investments. A number of State Governments have set up single window system for such clearances and for investor facilitation and assistance.

Printing Press, Dewas

3268. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various types of printing machines alongwith their number purchased from different sources by the 'Bhartiya Bank Note Press', Dewas during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the details of types of the said printing machines alongwith their number installed till October 19, 1996;

(c) the reasons for not commissioning the said installed machines till date; and

(d) the time by which the said machines are proposed to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The details of various types of printing machines received by the Bank Note Press, Dewas during the last three years are as under :-

Year	Type of Machine	Total number	Sources of purchase
1993-94	Nil	Nil	Nil
1994-95	Super Simultan 212 machine	2	M/s. De La Rue Giori, Switzerland.
	Super Orlof Intaglio Machine	2	M/s. Dela Rue Giori, Switzerland.
	Super Numerota 212 Machine	2	M/s. Dela Rue Giori, Switzerland.
	Cutpack-II India Universal	1	M/s. De la Rue Giori, Switzerland.
1995-96	Nil	Nil	Nil

(b) The above machines, 2 number of Super Simultan 212 machines, 2 numbers of Super Orlef Intaglio machines and 2 numbers of Super Numerota 212 Machine have already been installed as on 19-10-96.

(c) During shipment, some parts of the Cutpack-II India Universal Machine were received in damaged condition due to which the erection work in respect of this machine was delayed.

(d) As per action plan, the above machines will start production by the end of February, 1997.

Loss of Marine Products due to Cyclone

3269. SHRI DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the extent which the loss is expected during 1996-97 in 'AQUA Culline' export due to heavy cyclones in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the measures taken to increase the export of marine products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Presuming that the question relate to aquaculture exports, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) have estimated as of now a loss of Rs.22.6 crores worth of aquaculture production, due to heavy cyclone in the country and particularly in Andhra Pradesh. Besides this, 5671 hectare of area has been affected on account of structural damages etc. accounting for a loss of around Rs. 59.26 crores.

(b) MPEDA have been implementing a number of schemes to increase the export of marine products which include inter-alia rendering technical assistance, subsidy assistance and training to entrepreneurs and farmers directed at boosting the aquaculture production and consequently the exports as a whole.

[Translation]

Official Language in Election Commission

3270. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the provisions of official language policy and Official Language Act are adhered to in the functioning of Election Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether official language committee is functioning like other Ministries/Departments;

(d) if so, whether any programme has been prepared for the next year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b). The provisions of official language policy and official Language Act are being adhered to in the Election Commission.

(c) Official Language Implementation Committee is functioning in the Commission.

(d) and (e). The annual programmes issued by the Department of Official Language are being implemented.